

Remarks

Amendments to the Specification:

In the specification, the minor or obvious errors are corrected in paragraphs [0001], [0022], [0036], [0067], [00109], [00139], and [0158]. In the accompanying substitute specification, the present amendments as well as prior amendments dated 3-11-2002 and 5-12-2003 are incorporated.

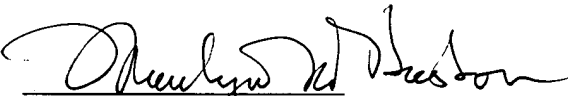
The presently submitted substitute specification and sequence listing are not believed to incorporate any new subject matter.

An amended Abstract is included in the substitute specification in keeping with the subject matter of the presently pursued claims. Referring to the present substitute specification, support for the added sentence "In addition, anti-Del-1 antibodies for immunological assessment of Del-1 protein expression as well as for inhibiting or stimulating Del-1 function are provided", can be found, for example, in paragraph [0078], lines 1 – 3 and paragraph [0079], line 4.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated herein, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the substitute specification, Abstract and sequence listing. Should any fees be due for consideration of this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred in this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1922. Should the Examiner have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Applicant's attorney at 832-446-2421.

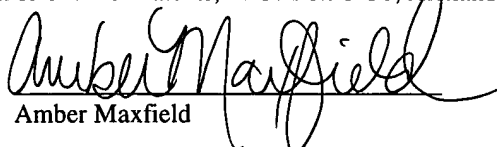
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